MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether these papers were asked for by the Additional District Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: No.

Major operations in the General Hospital.

19. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of major operations conducted in the General Hospital and the percentage of mortality attending upon the same?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*):

Year.	*Number of major operations.*	*Percentage of mortality.*
1107	*499*	*5·8*

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know the nature of the cases that ended in mortality?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I cannot answer that off-hand now.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the member will be pleased to enquire into that and lay the report on the table?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I do not think it necessary to lay such a report on the table. I have enquired into it before and I do not think it necessary to enquire into it any further.

Disbursement of Agricultural loans.

20. MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the disbursement of sanctioned agricultural loans to the applicants *in a lump* is prohibited by any rule or order of the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: Will the member be pleased to state whether the loan sanctioning authority has not got the discretion to disburse the loan in a lump sum in case of necessity?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, rule 25 of the rules says. "Disbursement of loans under the Regulation shall ordinarily be made in two instalments. But the sanctioning authority may disburse the loan in one instalment if it appears to him that there are reasonable grounds for doing so."

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: Will the member be pleased to state whether in cases where the disbursing authority gives the loan in a lump, Government can interfere with the discretion exercised by the sanctioning authority?

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